

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2490 - SB 2668**

February 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes any timely filed workers' compensation suit to be re-filed. Waives the sovereign immunity of the Second Injury Fund.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

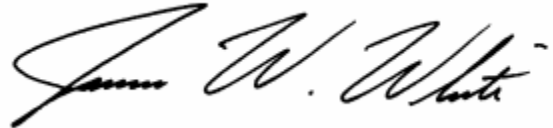
**Increase State Expenditures - \$13,300,000/Second Injury Fund**  
**\$ 14,800/One-Time/General Fund**  
**\$122,300/Recurring/General Fund**

##### Assumptions:

- The average payout from the Second Injury Fund per successful claim is approximately \$70,000.
- An increase of 190 successful claims per year based upon the provisions of the bill.
- The increase in expenditures to the Second Injury Fund is estimated to be \$13,300,000 (\$70,000 x 190).
- The Department of Labor and Workforce Development would need one additional attorney and one additional administrative assistant to handle the increased caseload.
- The recurring expenditures to the General Fund associated with such positions are estimated to total \$122,300. This increase is for salary (Attorney \$45,200, Admin. Asst. \$38,700), benefits (Attorney \$20,611, Admin Asst. \$13,158), office supplies (\$300 each), travel (\$3,000 for the attorney only), and an annual contribution to the Equipment Replacement Fund (\$500 each).
- The one-time expenditures to the General Fund associated with such positions are estimated to be \$14,800. Such increase is for office landscaping (\$3,600 each), computers (\$2,000 each), telephones (\$600 each), and network costs (\$1,200 each).

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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